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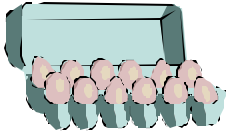
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago prices were 2 cents lower on larger sizes and unchanged on balance. In Boston prices were 1 cent lower on larger sizes and balance unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak on the larger sizes and steady on lighter weight eggs. Demand was light to instances fairly good, better where limited feature activity was in progress or planned. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to available for current requirements. Demand ranged light to fairly good as most breakers resumed normal schedules for the coming week. Light type hens were generally adequate for current processing needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Boston were unchanged to 1 cent lower on larger sizes and unchanged on medium. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone on larger sizes was barely steady to weak, although balance of sizes were steady. Demand was light to fair, with limited feature activities reported. Supplies were adequate to available at current price levels. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate from regular suppliers with additional offerings limited, for the light to fair demand. Light type fowl were generally adequate for current processing schedules.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak on larger sizes and continued steady on mediums. Demand was light to fair entering the weekend. Supplies were adequate to available.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 2 cents lower for large and were unchanged for the balance. Prices were unchanged in other areas. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, best for feature activity. One feature noted in Ohio was one dozen large for 29 cents. Food service movement was mostly fair to fairly good. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were mostly unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate to at times fairly good for the adequate to available offerings. Floor stocks were in balance to fully adequate. The trade sentiment was about steady to steady.

CHICAGO Prices for extra large and large declined 2 cents, balance of sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment for larger sizes barely steady to weak, smaller sizes fully steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to fairly good, best for limited features that are planned or in progress. Supplies of smaller sizes generally adequate, larger sizes available.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were ranging unchanged to lower than current week. The market tone was barely steady to weak on extra large and large and steady on the remainder of sizes. Retail demand continued light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate from regular commitments, however, additional offerings were not as available. Demand for additional product was light to fair. Light type hens were adequate for current slaughter schedules.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was weak on larger sizes and steady on the balance. Asking prices for next week 4 cents lower on jumbo and extra, 5 cents lower on large and unchanged on smaller sizes in all areas. Retailer demand fairly good to cover features otherwise just fair. Offerings ample overall.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	93-98	88-94	62-64
New York	66-68	63-66	52-55
Philadelphia	64-73	62-71	51-52
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	61-62	59.5-61	43-44
Jackson (1)	70-71	68-69	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	67-81	65-79	49-63

MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	53-58	52-57	44-49
Detroit (2)	55-58	54-57	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	56-62.5	55-61	41-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	59-66	57-64	44-51

WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	75-79	73-75	55-57
Southern California (Grade AA) (4)	80-92	77-82	66-72
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	96	87	76
(1) - Prices Reported Weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice Prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices To Retailers		

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. Next week's asking prices 4 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 5 cents lower on large and unchanged on medium and small. Demand by retailers fair, best to cover features. Offerings easily adequate. Small invoice price 56. Ads noted: Southern California - major chains 18 count pack large 99 (limit 2), small outlets large dozen 99, extra large dozen 87-109 and jumbo dozen 119.

CALIFORNIA

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	114
EXTRA LARGE	96
LARGE	87
MEDIUM	76

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	101-111
EXTRA LARGE	80-92
LARGE	77-82
MEDIUM	66-72

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-259
LARGE	169-209
MEDIUM	159-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with mostly prices slightly higher, checks and undergrades were unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate to instances fairly good with offerings adequate or available for current needs. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady to steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	34.5-37	36-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-24	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Heavy nest run prices were irregular, checks and undergrades were lower when compared to early week trading. Supplies were fully adequate from regular suppliers, although additional offerings were not as available. Demand was light to fair with most breakers on normal schedules for next week. The market tone was unsettled and mixed, but slightly steadier at the lower trending values. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending September 02, 2000 were 8% more than the previous week, but 4% less than the same week a year ago. PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	30-37	32-35
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-27	19-24
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 02-Sep-00
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,222,309	26,982	12,463	6,648	2,699	4,096
PW	1,209,167	26,332	12,756	6,844	2,379	4,003
LY	1,168,383	27,610	10,655	5,776	2,525	3,830
% PW	1	2	-2	-3	13	2
% LY	5	-2	17	15	7	7
2000	40,867,669	920,447	413,208	222,406	101,424	135,660
1999	38,484,827	886,999	369,207	201,083	90,945	121,569

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.06	41.30	40.97

NATIONAL LIQUID No pasteurized whites reported with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 54 to 57 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for whole egg, about steady for whites and firm on yolk. Demand was mixed from moderate to instances good with sellers holding for higher values. Offerings were limited as separators disagreed on given values for liquid yolk and whites. Whole egg suppliers had generally stepped out of the marketplace and were working to fill regular commitments and were unwilling to discount. Breaking stock supplies were balanced to fully adequate.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 08 September, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	4	34-36.5	34.88	-.88
WHITES	9	24.5-27.5	25.94	.65
YOLKS		TFEWR		

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on whole, unchanged on whites, and usually higher on yolks when compared to last week's values. Demand was irregular with limited trading on whole and whites, but fairly good on yolks. Supplies were mostly adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady on yolks, mixed on whites and whole. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending September 02, were 2% more than a week ago but 4% less than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	46-49		49-54
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		60-70
WHITES	35-39	37-39	44-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-65	62-63.5	61-65
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-64	60-62	60-64
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were lower for whole egg and whites and higher for yolk with ranges on whole egg, whites and salt yolk unchanged to higher, and sugar yolk unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices. Trade sentiment was barely steady for whole egg, about steady for whites, and firm for yolk. Offerings were usually balanced with needs while yolk was held with increased confidence. Regular commitments fueled the best interest with some sellers reporting increased inquiry from outside the U.S.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	46-50	46-48
WHITES	36-41	36-38
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	60-64	62-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	58-62	60-62

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices were 1 cent lower on whole, unchanged on whites, sugared and salted yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending September 2nd was 18 percent lower than previous week. Offerings of breaking stock generally adequate. Frozen demand moderate and freezer stocks in good balance.

	RANGE
WHOLE	52-55
WHITES	41-44
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	65-68
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices were higher on yolks, unchanged to higher on whole and unchanged on balance of items when compared to last week's values. Demand was irregular but usually moderate. Supplies were fully adequate on albumen and usually about adequate to adequate on balance. The market tone was mixed on albumen, but improved on yolks and whole. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending September 02, 2000 were 13% more than last week and 7% more than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	1.62-1.85	1.65-1.77
YOLKS	1.20-1.55	1.25-1.35
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.85-3.15	2.90-3.00
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.35	1.25-1.30

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 01, 00-SEPT 07,00

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
92.00								64.50							
SE				NE				MW				SC			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	43.97	45.33	—	—	18.75	GNR W 1	—	—	42.23	—	—	—	9.75
GNR W 2	35.75	—	36.00	38.33	33.50	37.00	8.00	GNR W 3	—	—	40.00	—	38.50	—	5.25
GNR W 3	—	—	29.25	30.50	29.50	—	7.25	GL W J	—	—	—	—	61.00	67.00	.75
GNR BR 1	—	—	50.00	52.00	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	38.50	46.00	—	—	—	50.00	9.00
GL W J	—	—	64.50	66.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	38.50	44.00	—	51.25	—	49.29	16.00
GL W XL	38.00	41.50	—	48.40	42.69	—	24.50	GL W MD	34.50	—	—	—	—	42.29	3.50
GL W LG	—	—	40.00	45.54	40.04	48.00	19.00	GL W SM	20.00	22.25	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W MD	36.00	35.00	32.60	35.35	30.50	34.17	16.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	44.75	—	—	2.00
GL W SM	19.63	22.50	19.75	22.25	18.00	19.00	6.25	NRBS - 45	—	—	—	41.25	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	29.67	31.22	—	38.50	4.25								
NRBS - 48	—	—	32.00	—	33.00	36.17	22.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	26.50	28.00	31.00	—	3.25								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	34.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	25.33	9.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	13.00	15.00	—	—	.50								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Supplies were generally adequate for processors requirements. Demand was light and unaggressive as finished product sales were fair. Processing schedules for next week were usually normal. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were improved and pricing was reported as steadier following seasonal and commodity purchasing. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the fair demand. Finished product clearing at a moderate pace. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady at best.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked reduced schedules. Demand fair. Offerings in fair balance with current needs.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-.25	(2)

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 08-SEP-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	68.69	66.30	53.01
SOUTHERN	67.97	66.04	48.69
MIDWEST	58.58	57.39	44.79
WESTERN	88.39	81.44	69.86
TWELVE METRO AREAS	73.38	69.64	56.88

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED
BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were irregular but generally in a range of unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were sufficient to fully adequate for current requirements. Demand was light to moderate. Undertone was mostly steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITH OUT FREIGHT COST
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

23-25 MAJORITY 23.5-25 25.5-27.75 MAJORITY 26.75-27.75

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED
LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

24.5-25 MAJORITY 25 25.5-28.5 MAJORITY 27-28

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 02-SEPT-00
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,827	1,570	3,397
LAST WEEK	1,823	1,311	3,134
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,883	1,522	3,405
TO-DATE/2000	68,050	50,328	118,378
TO-DATE/1999	74,525	48,267	122,792

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	356	27	383
LAST WEEK	418	47	465
SAME WEEK YR AGO	452	0	452
TO-DATE/2000	16,605	271	16,876
TO-DATE/1999	16,737	199	16,936

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,183	1,597	3,780
LAST WEEK	2,241	1,358	3,599
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,335	1,522	3,857
TO-DATE/2000	84,655	50,599	135,254
TO-DATE/1999	91,262	48,466	139,728

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Aug 26, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999 /1	2000 1999
Liquid	329	328	4,674 9,214
Frozen	0	0	126 6
Dried	0	0	340 384
Total	329	328	5,140 9,604

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Aug 26, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999 /1	2000 1999
Liquid	57	244	3,874 3,310
Frozen	45	9	556 251
Dried	0	0	654 166
Total	102	253	5,084 3,727

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Aug 26, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999 /1	2000 1999
Jumbo	0	0	1,247 833
Extra Large	1,250	690	32,604 24,485
Large	4,440	4,272	95,097 87,450
Medium	473	510	23,969 33,852
Ungraded	17,280	27,006	239,644 395,300
Misc	0	750	7,887 5,358
Total	23,443	33,228	400,448 547,278

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
63-66	54-60	52-57	38-43	22-26

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

CENTS PER DOZEN	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	32-34	24-26	10-12

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
114-117	74-77	69-72	43-46	15-18

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 1-Sep-00	4,053	167,656	75,194
AM 1-Aug-00	3,836	163,317	91,580
CHG	217	4339	-16386
PCT CHG	6	3	-18

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of July 31, 2000 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on September 1, 2000 are:

FROZEN EGGS	14	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.99 PCT
TURKS	534	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.98 PCT
POP	679	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.01 PCT

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 2-Sep-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG PW LY
ATLANTA	29.4	21.9	34 -8
BOSTON	5.0	4.1	22 0
CHICAGO	44.9	43.9	2 -14
DETROIT	26.6	25.9	3 -1
KANSAS CITY	2.6	2.6	0 -61
LOS ANGELES	101.7	98.8	3 10
NEW ORLEANS	8.5	9.9	-14 -32
NEW YORK	34.1	31.4	9 -21
ST. LOUIS	11.6	12.9	-10 -6
SAN FRANCISCO	21.0	22.3	-6 19
TOTAL	285.4	273.7	4 -5
4 WK MVG AVG	286.6		

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 02-Sep-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW LY
N. ATLANTIC	222.3	2 -2
E.N. CENTRAL	486.0	6 9
W.N. CENTRAL	250.8	7 10
S. ATLANTIC	195.4	6 2
S. CENTRAL	73.1	0 -6
WEST	188.2	1 -13
TOTAL	1415.8	4 2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING	92	92

EGG PRODUCTS**Shell Eggs Broken Up 1 Percent**

Shell eggs broken totaled 151 million dozen during July 2000, up 1 percent from July a year ago. Regional percentage changes were: North Atlantic, down 6 percent; North Central, up 5; South Atlantic, down 5; South Central, down 11; and Western, up 3.

July 2000 contained 21 weekdays and five Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays and five Saturdays in July 1999.

Data presented in this report were compiled from inspection reports of the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The best available data at time of publication were used.

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG, SEPTEMBER 05, 2000.
PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	110	106	76	48
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	102-106	99-103	69-73	41-45
MOSTLY	104-105	101-102	71-72	43-44
RHODE ISLAND	106-110	102-106	72-76	44-48
MOSTLY	106	102	72	44
VERMONT	112-113	107-109	79	-
MOSTLY	113	109	-	-

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